

Econometrics 710  
Final Exam, Spring 2010

$$\begin{aligned}y_i &= \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta} + e_i \\ \mathbf{x}_i &= \boldsymbol{\Pi}' \mathbf{z}_i + \mathbf{u}_i \\ E(\mathbf{z}_i e_i) &= 0 \\ E(\mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{u}_i') &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The dimensions are:  $\mathbf{x}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_i$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  are  $k \times 1$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_i$  is  $\ell \times 1$  where  $\ell \geq k > 1$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$  is  $\ell \times k$  and  $y_i$  and  $e_i$  are  $1 \times 1$ .

**The difficulty in the problem is that  $(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i)$  are not jointly observed.**

**Instead, we have two independent samples from the marginal distributions of  $(y, \mathbf{z})$  and  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$ :**

- Sample 1: iid observations of  $(y_i, \mathbf{z}_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$
- Sample 2: iid observations of  $(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{z}_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, J$

You can imagine that you have two independent samples from the same joint distribution, but in the first sample  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is missing, and in the second sample  $y_j$  is missing.

1. Write out the reduced form equations:

- Write the reduced form equation for  $y_i$  as a function of  $\mathbf{z}_i$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$ .
- Explicitly write the error in this reduced form as a function of the errors  $e_i$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i$  and parameters.
- Write the population parameter  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  as a function of population moments of  $(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \boldsymbol{\Pi})$
- Write the population parameter  $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$  as a function of population moments of  $(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i)$
- What is the condition for identification of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ?

2. Define  $\mathbf{Q} = E(\mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{z}_i')$ .

- Write out estimators  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}$  for  $\mathbf{Q}$  using Sample 1 and Sample 2
- Find the probability limit of  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- Find the probability limit of  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}$  as  $J \rightarrow \infty$
- Are the probability limits in (b) and (c) the same?
- Which estimator is more efficient?

3. Suppose you know  $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$ . Find an estimator  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ .

Hint: Use the reduced form equation for  $y_i$

- Write out this estimator.
- Which sample is used?
- Show that  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \rightarrow_p \boldsymbol{\beta}$ . Which sample size ( $n$  or  $J$ ) goes to infinity for this convergence?

4. Find an estimator  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}$  for  $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$

- Write out the estimator.
- Which sample is used?
- Show that  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}} \rightarrow_p \boldsymbol{\Pi}$ . Which sample size ( $n$  or  $J$ ) goes to infinity for this convergence?

5. Put your answers to 2 and 3 together to find an estimator  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  when  $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$  is unknown.

- Write down the estimator.
- Show that  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \rightarrow_p \boldsymbol{\beta}$ . What assumptions on  $n$  and  $J$  are required?